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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In an Office Action dated July 7, 2007, the examiner of the above-referenced patent application asserted that the claims of the application are directed to more than one invention and required that Applicants elect one of the following sets of claims for initial prosecution on the merits:

Group I: claims 1-15, drawn to a first method of identifying a cell colony expressing a soluble target protein by detecting the protein in a filtrate of a cell lysate;

Group II: claim 16, drawn to a second method for generating a filtrate of a lysate of a cell colony expressing a soluble target protein; and

Group III: claim 17, drawn to a kit comprising filter, support and reagents for cell lysis.

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-15, for initial prosecution on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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